



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Despite lower production, stocks rose due to higher import levels and stagnant demand for the week ending May 19, 2000. Total distillate stocks were 97.4 million barrels (MMB) last week, an increase of 1.3 MMB over the previous week but 33.4 MMB less than last year. Low sulfur stocks were 63.2 MMB, 0.4 MMB more than last week while heating oil stocks increased by 1.0 MMB to 34.3 MMB. Distillate production decreased 0.1 million barrels per day (MMBD) to 3.6 MMBD. Imports increased by 202 thousand barrels per day to 0.5 MMBD. Demand was virtually the same as last week at 3.8 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries was 15.5 MMBD this week with refiners utilizing 95.9 percent of 16.3 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/19/00	05/21/99	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/19/00	05/21/99
East Coast (PADD I)	492	401	495	429	541	278	197	210	211	270
Midwest (PADD II)	906	904	888	848	877	698	699	669	672	631
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,671	1,603	1,652	1,667	1,536	1,155	1,134	1,124	1,118	991
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	139	135	156	149	161	114	105	125	120	134
West Coast (PADD V)	537	518	514	546	401	384	392	398	418	318
U.S. Total	3,745	3,561	3,705	3,639	3,516	2,629	2,527	2,526	2,539	2,344

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/19/00	05/19/99	04/28/00	05/05/00	05/12/00	05/19/00	05/19/99
East Coast (PADD I)	25.9	25.3	26.3	26.9	53.2	13.4	12.4	12.3	12.6	17.7
PADD IX	2.4	2.6	3.1	3.2	NA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	NA
PADD IY	13.6	12.7	12.9	13.4	NA	6.1	5.0	4.9	5.1	NA
PADD IZ	9.8	10.0	10.4	10.3	NA	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.6	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	28.2	26.9	25.9	25.6	33.1	19.8	19.0	18.2	18.1	22.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	26.5	27.3	27.9	29.2	30.0	18.1	18.9	19.5	20.2	19.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
West Coast (PADD V)	13.0	13.5	13.3	12.9	11.6	10.3	10.7	10.4	9.9	8.3
U.S. Total	96.4	95.8	96.1	97.4	130.8	64.1	63.5	62.8	63.2	70.2

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Crude oil and distillate spot and futures prices posted a net decline over the past week, as concern over global supply issues gave way to a selloff ahead of expiration of the June NYMEX crude oil futures contract. Prices increased modestly through midweek, amid growing indications that OPEC members may not be inclined to increase output quotas at their June meeting. However, markets moved downward on Friday and Monday, amid heavy selling before the June contract expired at the close of Monday's trading. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil ended 2.95 cents lower for the week at 76.68 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price fell 1.00 cents to 79.00 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel was 143.2 cents per gallon, higher than last week by 1.7 cent per gallon and last year by 36.6 cents per gallon. A decline on the West Coast of less than a penny was not enough to overcome such gains as a 2.4-cent jump in the average for the East Coast.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/22/00	05/24/99	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/22/00	05/24/99
New York	76.28	72.98	84.88	80.88	41.38	75.15	70.28	79.63	76.68	39.90
Chicago	75.28	74.85	87.25	82.33	42.48	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	71.78	70.48	79.75	76.07	40.05	69.38	68.28	78.75	74.45	38.33
Los Angeles (CARB)	80.50	81.00	80.00	79.00	53.25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/22/00	05/24/99	05/01/00	05/08/00	05/15/00	05/22/00	05/24/99
East Coast (PADD I)	141.5	140.3	141.4	143.8	105.0	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>				
PADD IX	149.0	148.2	148.7	150.0	111.2					
PADD IY	150.3	149.7	150.7	154.0	113.4					
PADD IZ	137.1	135.5	136.8	138.8	100.9					
Midwest (PADD II)	142.3	140.0	142.2	144.2	104.0					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	136.8	135.1	136.1	138.0	102.7					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	144.5	143.7	144.2	145.7	114.8					
West Coast (PADD V)	147.5	147.4	146.8	146.0	121.9					
California	153.3	152.9	152.6	152.0	130.2					
U.S. Average**	141.8	140.2	141.5	143.2	106.6					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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